

BAHAMAS

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	1878	U.K. Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Act	3nm	U.K. colonial legislation.
	Dec 93	Archipelagic Waters & Maritime Jurisdiction Act, No. 37	12nm	EIF Jan 96
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jan 83	Letter from the Minister of External Affairs		Claimed to meet requirements for archipelagic state in 1982 LOS Convention.
	Dec 93	Archipelagic Waters & Maritime Jurisdiction Act, No. 37		EIF Jan 96
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	Nov 48	Alteration of Boundaries Order-in-Council No. 2574 (1948)		"to include the continental shelf contiguous to the coasts."
	1970	Continental Shelf Act	1958 DEF	Repeated in Fisheries Resources Act, 1977.
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Feb 69	Proclamation	12nm	Fishing zone.
	Jun 77	Fisheries Resources Act, Act No. 13	200nm	Exclusive fishing zone; waters remain high seas for all non-resource related purposes.
	Dec 93	Archipelagic Waters & Maritime Jurisdiction Act, No. 37	200nm	EEZ. EIF upon publication in the Gazette.
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Dec 93	Archipelagic Waters & Maritime Jurisdiction Act, No. 37		Allows negotiations with bordering States on territorial sea boundaries not to extend beyond the median line.
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed.
	Jul 83			Ratified.
	Jul 94			Signed Part XI Agreement.